

# Sheriff Pitchess Declares War On Bogus Check Artists in Area

"To my knowledge, no other law enforcement agency has participated to this extent to develop strong working relationships with private enterprise in this vital area of mutual concern."

This statement was contained in remarks made recently by Los Angeles County Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess in addressing more than 50 special agents of food and drug markets and other Southern California business concerns.

The "company" agents representing over 23 retail chain enterprises, oil companies, and banks had just completed an intensive training course developed and presented by the Sheriff's Department. The three-day school was convened to help reduce the staggering losses to business through fraudulent checks, pilfering, and shoplifting.

"WHEN ONE considers that more than half a billion dollars annually is lost as a result of check fraud and forgery, it is incumbent upon those of us in law enforcement to take appropriate action to combat this insidious practice," Pitchess said.

"These direct losses to American business each year can only be passed along to the consumer as overhead and are directly reflected in the prices which all of us must pay for food and other essentials."

THE SHERIFF called attention to the fact that "retail chain markets in Southern California estimate an allowance loss of \$55 per day for each store for bad checks and thefts. Figuring 4000 food and drug outlets, this amounts to a numbing total of nearly a quarter of a million dollars per day in Los Angeles County alone!"

One Southern California chain reported bad checks last year of 75 million dollars and 800 cases of shoplifting.

"STAGGERING AS these figures may seem," Pitchess stated, "they probably represent only a fraction of the total crime losses when the intangible public cost of law enforcement detection, investigation, and prosecution of these criminal acts is considered."

He extolled the special agents and their employers, the market owners, as well as labor union representatives who were present at the special "graduation" program to "develop greater cooperation and coordination with law enforcement by practicing such techniques and methods of detection, and reporting as outlined by Sheriff's Department specialists during the training course."

THE SHERIFF revealed that, among other projects, the special agents were instructed in a "new, proven system which is as effective in identifying the ad check writer as the infallible fingerprint system for identifying other type crimes."

"This becomes particularly important," he said, "when we consider that Southern California markets now cash more checks than banks."

ARRANGEMENTS FOR the course of instruction held at the Sheriff's Academy in East Los Angeles were completed in cooperation with the Southern California Food and Drug Special Agents Assn. and the Southern California Check Investigator Assn.

Sheriff Pitchess praised the program for "establishing the needed liaison between the

## Fashion Show Scheduled at YW Tonight

A Fall Fashion Show will be presented tonight at the YWCA Building in Torrance featuring wedding, formal and prom attire by Mrs. Alice Clark, owner of the Candle Lite Gown Shop.

There will be no admission charge to the event, Mrs. Clark said, which will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The fashions, created by some of the nation's leading designers, will be modeled by six Torrance girls, Mrs. Clark said. Heading the list will be Betty Baker, the current Miss Torrance. Other models include Linda Williams, Donna Ritchie, Sharron Ricci, Carolyn Allison and Brenda Pacina.

## Sewers on Berendo Ave.

The County Board of Supervisors Tuesday instructed the County Engineer and the County Counsel to prepare a Resolution of Intention for the construction of sewers on Berendo Ave. in Torrance.

On a motion by Supervisor Burton W. Chace, whose district includes Torrance, the Board specifically approved acquisition of the necessary rights of way, construction of the sanitary sewers and reimbursement for a portion of the cost of existing sewers.

## Roy Jury Named District Sales Manager at Local Paper Plant

The appointment of Roy E. Jury as District Sales Manager for the Torrance plant of Hinde and Dauch Division of West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. has been announced by Charles D. Sparks, regional manager.

Jury will direct H & D sales activities in the heavy industrial areas in and around Los Angeles and throughout the fruit and produce growing areas of California. He will also assume temporary responsibility for the sales activities of the H & D Phoenix, Ariz., plant.

Hinde & Dauch, one of the nation's leading producers of corrugated boxes and interior packing materials, operates 15 plants throughout the east, south and midwest from headquarters in Sandusky, Ohio, and has recently announced the opening of additional box plants at Torrance and Phoenix.

Jury brings to his new post a background of 12 years sales experience in the paper converting industry in capacities ranging from sales representa-

tive to vice president in charge of western sales for Arkell & Smiths, a leading bag producer.

When in June, 1958, West Virginia Multiwall Bag Division acquired several plants from Arkell & Smiths, Jury joined the company as mana-

ger of the Kansas City District Sales Office of the Multiwall Bag Division.

He attended Baker University and Kansas University and also completed the Harvard Advanced Management program.

## Young Demos Set Meeting

Young Democrats between the ages of 18 and 36 who are interested in forming a Young Democrats Club in the area

will meet tomorrow evening at 7 at the Don Hotel in Wilmington. It was announced here yesterday by Mrs. T. M. Stout.

## Civic Group Box Supper Set Tomorrow

An old fashioned box supper will be held by the Del Amo Civic Assn., according to Mrs. Alberta Ward, of the board of directors. The affair will be in the Retail Clerks Union Hall, 26000 Belport, Harbor City, at 7:30 Friday night.

Don Carmondy, president of the group said that money from the supper will be added to funds to build a youth center hall in the area.



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